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Community Justice Academy to highlight ways to protect older adults and common scams targeted at Baby Boomers

(Indianapolis, Ind.) With approximately 77 million members of the Baby Boomer generation retiring or approaching retirement, tonight's Community Justice Academy session will share common frauds and scams targeted at this aging population.

"Criminals Targeting the Baby Boomer Generation" will be led by Deputy Prosecutor Cindy Oetjen and Adult Protective Services Administrator Andrea Qualitza. The presentation will offer an in-depth look into Adult Protective Services and how the criminal justice system is designed to protect adults. It also will expose common fraud and scam attempts targeted at Baby Boomers, and shed light on ways citizens can protect themselves and their loved ones.

Cindy Oetjen currently is serving as the Adult Protective Services Deputy Prosecutor. She regularly speaks to community groups and organizations about ways to protect seniors and older adults as part of the office's Communities Against Senior Exploitation initiative. Oetjen joined the office in 2002, and is the former supervisor of the Sex Crimes Unit.

Andrea Qualitza has been the Director of Adult Protective Services for the Marion Co. Prosecutor's Office since 1997. She manages and supervises a staff of six investigators and one outreach coordinator who are responsible for Boone, Hamilton, Hendricks and Marion County.

"As millions of Americans turn 65 every year, it is imperative that we educate our citizens about the many ways criminals will prey on older adults," said Prosecutor Terry Curry. "The Community Justice Academy will shine a spotlight on how to spot and report crimes against older adults, as well as offer ways to stay vigilant against the most common frauds and scams that seniors often encounter."

What: Community Justice Academy
"Criminals Targeting the Baby Boomer Generation"

When: **TODAY**, Oct. 13, 2014
6:30-8 p.m.

Where: Indianapolis Public Library Services Center
2450 N Meridian St. Indianapolis

In its fourth year, the Community Justice Academy is part of a comprehensive effort by the Marion County Prosecutor's Office to further educate and engage citizens in crime prevention strategies and the criminal justice process. The Academy launched last week and will run every Monday evening in October.